

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND  
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

10 Civ. 745 (PKC)

-against-

ORDER

STEPHEN J. CZARNIK,  
Defendant.

P. KEVIN CASTEL, District Judge:

The law firm of Duane Morris LLP (the "Attorney") seeks to be relieved as counsel for Stephen J. Czarnik, the defendant in this action. The Attorney advises that Mr. Czarnik has not paid the firm's fees on a timely basis and is now in arrears of \$82,842.45. As a result of Mr. Czarnik's failure to pay, the Attorney is considering legal action against Mr. Czarnik to obtain its payment.

The Attorney, having shown good cause, the motion to withdraw as counsel (Docket # 34) is GRANTED.

**STEPHEN J. CZARNIK IS ADVISED TO CONSIDER RETAINING A  
LAWYER. HOWEVER, AS A NATURAL PERSON HE IS PERMITTED TO  
PROCEED WITHOUT A LAWYER. MR. CZARNIK IS INVITED TO CONTACT  
THE COURT'S PRO SE OFFICE LOCATED IN ROOM 230 OF THE MOYNIHAN  
U.S. COURTHOUSE, 500 PEARL STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10007, 212-805-0175.**

The action is stayed until March 7, 2011. There will be a conference at which all parties will be required to appear in person or by an attorney who has filed a valid notice of appearance on March 25, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in Courtroom 12C. Failure to appear may result in entry of a default judgment or striking a party's pleading.

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The Attorney is directed to serve a copy of this Order upon Mr. Czarnik and the plaintiff within five days and file an affidavit of service of same with the Clerk of the Court.

SO ORDERED.



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P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge

Dated: New York, New York  
February 3, 2011